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REMARKS

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks. Claims 2, 11, 26, and 30 have been amended, and claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12-15, 17-25, and 27-29 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 2, 11, 26 and 30 are pending in the application and in condition for allowance.

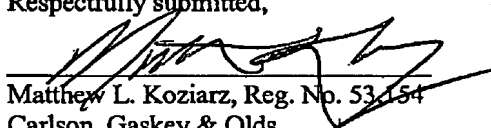
Claim 30 was not rejected on art, but page 9 of the office action indicates that patentability of claim 30 depends on whether the §112 rejections are overcome. Applicant believes that simply rewriting claim 30 in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 1 overcomes the §112 rejections. The §112, first paragraph rejection is based upon the language in base claim 1 reciting "at least one element selected from." Since claim 30 specifies a narrower alloy composition, it is not necessary to incorporate the language "at least one element selected from" of claim 1 into amended claim 30. Therefore, it is believed that the independent form of claim 30 overcomes the §112, first paragraph rejection.

Rewriting claim 30 in independent form also overcomes the rejection based on §112, second paragraph that the composition previously recited in claim 30 did not add up to 100%. Incorporation of a "balance of Ni" from base claim 1 into claim 30 allows the composition to add up to 100% and overcomes the rejection. Accordingly, claim 30 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 2, 11, and 26 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 30. Accordingly, these claims are also in condition for allowance as being dependent from patentable base claim 30.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 21-0279 in the name of United Technologies Corporation for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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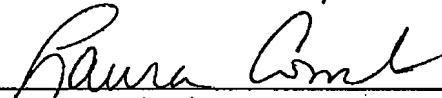
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